Lesson 3

Please, Thank You, and You’re Welcome!

*(the magic words, in any language)*

When you make new acquaintances, and even new friends, in your host country, it is important that you treat **everyone** you meet with respect and courtesy, in order to establish a good rapport (huh?) and to make a good impression as an American in your host country.

Here is your task:

**First, log on to:** [**www.survivalphrases.com**](http://www.survivalphrases.com)

**Second, select the language of your culture.**

**Third, find the lesson for “Getting What You Want”.**

**Finally, download the PDF file to read while you click on the Audio file to listen to your lesson.**

**Answer the following questions. Don’t forget to upload all three sets of audio files and worksheets to the WIKI when finished!**

1. How do you say “Please” in your host culture? qǐng
2. Are there any other ways to say “Please”? When are they used? List them here:

Qǐng gěi wǒ. Please give me.

Qǐng gěi wǒ zhège. Please give me this.

Qǐng gěi wǒ nàge. Please give me that.

1. Are there any special situations where the word or phrase for “Please” can be used? (hint: check for “Quick Tips”)

Qǐng gěi wǒ, it makes it easier to buy what you want.

***(continue on to do the lesson on “Thank you.”)***

**Find the lesson for “Thank you.”**

**Download the PDF file to read while you listen to the Audio file for your lesson.**

**Answer the following questions once you have finished your lesson**:

1. What is the expression for “Thank you.” In your host culture? Xiè xie
2. Name at least three situations where you should respond with “Thank you” in your host culture:

* You say thank you to express gratitude. (Xiè xie)
* You say thank you in a situation such as “thank you for coming.” (Duō xiè)
* You say thank you when someone has done something extremely great for you. (Wǒ hěn gǎn xiè)

1. Are there any other special expressions for special situations? What are they? For example, are there sometimes when you need to be more respectful? Does it depend upon whether you know the person or not?

You say Xiè xie nin when you thank someone more formally.

1. How do you express a degree of thankfulness in your host culture (for example, “Thank you very much!)?

Wǒ hěn gǎn xiè

***(continue on to do the lesson on “You’re welcome!”)***

**Find the lesson for “You’re welcome!”**

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**Answer the following questions once you have finished your lesson**:

1. Is there a universal (appropriate for all situations) way to say “You’re welcome!” in your host country? What is it? Bú yòng xiè.

What are some of the situations where you can use it? (hint: check “Quick Tips”)

Maybe if you ask someone for a pencil in class and you say thank you, then they would use the phrase Bú yòng xiè.

1. Is there a more formal way to say “You’re welcome!” in your host country? What is it?

No there isn’t a formal way.

1. What are any other ways to say “You’re welcome!”?

* Bú yòng xiè.
* Bú kèqì.
* Méi shì.

***(Looking ahead: Your next lesson will be on how to introduce yourself and to ask for someone else’s name)***